

# Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



## Iowa State University - Agricultural Experiment Station

### Purpose

The Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station is a research program that has been addressing immediate and long-term needs of Iowans for more than 115 years. Established at Iowa State University (ISU) in 1888, the Experiment Station fulfilled a Congressional charge for land-grant universities to develop organizations to advance science for the citizens of their states. The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences serves as Director of the Experiment Station.

The Experiment Station is sometimes confused with the Iowa State research farms and labs, where much of its work takes place. The Experiment Station research program involves hundreds of people, hundreds of partners, and connections to extension reaching Iowans in every county.

The advances in biological, physical, and social sciences as a result of the Station research have contributed greatly to Iowa. Experiment Station research and ISU Extension not only help Iowa remain a world leader in food production, they address societal issues intimately linked to agriculture, including economic development, life-science frontiers, the environment, public policy, and families and communities. Experiment Station research makes up a significant portion of the annual patent disclosures and active licensing and commercial agreements at ISU.

### Funding

State support for the Station over the past 20 years has ranged between a low of \$28.1 million (FY 2012 through FY 2014) and a high of \$37.0 million (FY 2001). Since FY 2015, the Station has received an annual appropriation of \$29.9 million.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [266](#)

[681](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [13](#)

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### More Information

Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station: <http://www.iahees.iastate.edu/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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